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SUBJ: OSLO MEETING ON NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS-SEPT. 6, 1976

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1. NORWAY HAS INVITED FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES
FROM SWEDEN, FINLAND, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM
TO OSLO ON 6 SEPT TO DISCUSS NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS.
THE NATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE LEVEL.

2. KJELD VIBE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT
NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD DCM THAT MEETING GREW
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OUT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT UNCTAD IV BETWEEN NORDIC,

DUTCH AND BELGIUM REPRESENTATIVESN ESPECIALLY NORWEGIAN
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, THORVALD STOLTENBERG.
AND DUTCH UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE J.P. PRONK. VIBE EXPLAINED THESE
COUNTRIES HAVE HISTORICALLY HARD TIES
ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND OTHER NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS. VIBE
SAID THE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY
RELATED TO UPCOMING UNGA.

3. ACCORDING TO PER HAUGESTAD, COUNSELOR FOR TRADE
QUESTIONS IN
NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MEETING WILL
COVER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, COMMODITIES AND OTHER
QUESTIONS RELATED TO GROUP OF 77 DEMAND FOR A NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) AND DEVELOPED
COUNTRY RESPONSE.

4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN ANNUAL ASSESSMEN (REFTTEL),
NORWAY IS AND WILL BE TAKING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE
IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS IN "BRIDGE BUILDING" BETWEEN
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. STOLTENBERG
PARTICULARLY IS FORCEFULLY ADVOCATING A MORE "UP FRONT"
POSITION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NORDIC COLLEAGUES AS
MANIFESTED AT UNCTAD IV (I.E., RECENT NORWEGIAN SUP-
PORT OF INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMMODITIES, COMMON
AND BUFFER STOCKS, AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF
NIEO AND CERDS). ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DOWN-
PLAY IMPORTANCE OF 6 SEPTEMBER MEETING AND STATE MEET-
ING IS JUST CONTINUATION OF FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN
THESE COUNTRIES (I.E., IN OECD, UN), EMBASSY
BELEIVES STOLTENBERG WOULD LIKE TO FORMULATE
SOME SORT OF COMMON OORDIC-BENELUX POSITION OR
FRONT ON NORTH -SOUTH QUESTIONS.
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